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ANNUAL  
REPORT  
OF THE  
DISTRICT  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

- 1969

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# B O R O U G H       O F       T E N B Y .

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1969.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Tenby

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1969.

### HOUSING.

Although there has been an increase in the number of both council and private houses built in recent years, there still remains a demand for houses in the Borough and there is a particular need for appropriate dwellings for elderly persons.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Borough was markedly free of infectious diseases during the year and in the case of measles, a sharp fall in the number of children affected is directly due to the measles vaccination programme.

In common with the whole of the county, Tenby residents were affected by the outbreak of influenza (Hong Kong type) which occurred at the end of the year.

Despite the usual heavy influx of holiday-makers during the summer months, there was very little infectious gastro-intestinal illness, which is not uncommon in seaside resorts.

There was a small increase in the number of families treated for scabies during the year.

### WATER SUPPLIES.

No complaints, apart from those regarding the use of the Ritec as a reserve water source for the Borough, were received during the year. Regular routine samples of water were taken and were reported by the Public Health Laboratory to be satisfactory.

### CARAVANNING AND CAMPING.

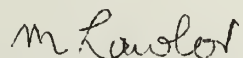
The sites in the Borough are, on the whole, satisfactory and are inspected regularly by your Public Health Inspector. The increasing number of touring caravans will, no doubt, present problems because of the lack of spaces on sites for them at the height of the season.



I should like to extend my sincere thanks to the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and kindness to me during my first year as the Medical Officer of Health.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M Lawlor".

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# V I T A L       S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) .....

1969 ..... 4,580

|                                                                                                                  | <u>Borough of<br/>Tenby 1969</u> | <u>Borough of<br/>Tenby 1968</u> | <u>County of<br/>Pembroke</u> | <u>England<br/>&amp; Wales</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Live Births                                                                                                      | 49                               | 72                               |                               |                                |
| Live Birth Rate (per<br>1,000 pop.)                                                                              | 10.7                             | 15.9                             | 16.6                          | 16.3                           |
| Illegitimate Live<br>Births                                                                                      | 4                                | 5                                |                               |                                |
| Illegitimate Live Births<br>per cent of total Live<br>Births                                                     | 8                                | 7                                |                               |                                |
| Still Births                                                                                                     | Nil                              | 1                                |                               |                                |
| Still Birth Rate(per<br>1,000 Live & Still<br>Births)                                                            | Nil                              | 14                               | 17                            | 13.0                           |
| Total Live & Still<br>Births                                                                                     | 49                               | 73                               |                               |                                |
| Infant Deaths                                                                                                    | Nil                              | 1                                |                               |                                |
| Infant Mortality Rate<br>(per 1,000 Live Births)                                                                 |                                  |                                  |                               |                                |
| - total                                                                                                          | Nil                              | 14                               | 15                            | 18                             |
| - legitimate                                                                                                     | Nil                              | 14                               |                               |                                |
| - illegitimate                                                                                                   | Nil                              | Nil                              |                               |                                |
| Neo-natal Mortality<br>Rate (Deaths under 4wks)<br>(per 1,000 Live Births)                                       | Nil                              | Nil                              | 11                            | 12                             |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality<br>Rate (Deaths under 1wk)<br>(per 1,000 Live Births)                                  | Nil                              | Nil                              | 10                            | 10                             |
| Peri-natal Mortality<br>Rate (Deaths under 1wk &<br>Still Births combined)<br>(per 1,000 Live & Still<br>Births) | Nil                              | 14                               | 26                            | 23                             |





|                                                               | <u>Borough of<br/>Tenby 1969</u> | <u>Borough of<br/>Tenby 1968</u> | <u>County of<br/>Pembroke</u> | <u>England &amp;<br/>Wales</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Maternal Deaths                                               | Nil                              | Nil                              |                               |                                |
| Maternal Mortality<br>Rate (per 1,000 Live<br>& Still Births) | Nil                              | Nil                              | Nil                           | 0.19                           |
| Deaths                                                        | 74                               | 59                               |                               |                                |
| Death Rate (per<br>1,000 pop.)                                | 16.2                             | 13.0                             | 12.4                          | 11.9                           |

### INFANT MORTALITY.

I am pleased to report that there were no infant deaths during the year.

### DEATHS.(General)

The general death rate is again high for the Borough. Of the total 74 deaths, 25 were due to heart disease and 15 were due to cancer, (all forms) - 3 of these latter were due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 31% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 36% in persons over 80 years of age.

| <u>Causes of Death.</u>              | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| TOTAL (All causes)                   | 36           | 38             |
| Malignant neoplasn, buccal cavity    | -            | 1              |
| Malignant neoplasn, oesophagus       | -            | 1              |
| Malignant neoplasn, stonach          | 1            | -              |
| Malignant neoplasn, intestine        | 2            | 2              |
| Malignant neoplasn, lung, bronchus   | 1            | 2              |
| Malignant neoplasn, breast           | -            | 2              |
| Other malignant neoplasms            | 1            | 2              |
| Diabetes Mellitus                    | 1            | -              |
| Hypertensive disease                 | 1            | -              |
| Ischaemic heart disease              | 11           | 12             |
| Other forms of heart disease         | 1            | 1              |
| Cerebrovascular disease              | 6            | 5              |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | 1            | 1              |
| Pneumonia                            | -            | 4              |
| Bronchitis and emphysema             | 3            | 1              |
| Peptic ulcer                         | 2            | -              |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia    | 1            | -              |
| Cirrhosis of liver                   | 1            | -              |



Causes of Death.(cont.)

|                                         | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Other diseases of digestive system      | 1            | 1              |
| Other diseases of genito-urinary system | -            | 1              |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions     | 1            | -              |
| Motor vehicle accidents                 | 1            | -              |
| All other accidents                     | -            | 1              |
| All other external causes               | -            | 1              |

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year :-

5 Measles  
2 Food Poisoning  
4 Infective Jaundice.

TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report that again last year there were no deaths from Tuberculosis nor were any new cases of the disease notified for the Borough.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G.Vaccination.

Vaccination of schoolchildren (13 years and over) and contacts was carried out in the autumn term at Greenhill School, when 103 children were vaccinated. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, continues to vaccinate contacts at the Chest Clinic.

During the year, 791 children in the county were vaccinated and also 42 contacts.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

It was not possible to arrange for the Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service to visit Tenby during 1969, but plans were made for a visit early in 1970.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT. 1946.Local Health Services.

Vaccination against smallpox, poliomyelitis and measles and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus continued throughout the year at the weekly infant welfare clinic and also at school sessions. Separate figures for the Borough are not available, but the following are details of immunisation and vaccination of children in the county under the age of 16 years, during 1969 :-



|                                   |        |                  |       |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| Primary Diphtheria immunisations: | 1,226; | Booster doses:   | 2,026 |
| Whooping cough immunisations:     | 1,202. |                  |       |
| Primary Tetanus immunisations:    | 1,505; | Booster doses:   | 2,154 |
| Primary Polio. vaccinations:      | 1,306; | Booster doses:   | 2,037 |
| Primary Smallpox vaccinations:    | 725;   | Re-vaccinations: | 87    |
| B.C.G. vaccinations:              | 791;   | Contacts:        | 42    |
| Measles vaccinations:             | 850.   |                  |       |

### Ambulance Service.

The County Council is responsible for the running of this service and there are two ambulances based at Tenby.

Tenby No. 1 Ambulance conveyed a total of 1,820 sitting cases and 282 stretcher cases during the year; this vehicle travelled a total of 25,671 miles - an average of 12.2 miles per patient.

No. 2 Ambulance conveyed 1,196 sitting cases and 381 stretcher cases and travelled 23,587 miles - an average of 14.9 miles per patient.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

It was not necessary to take any action under the above Section during the year.



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND

HOUSING OFFICER'S REPORT

1969

D.H.W. GRIFFITHS.





REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR  
THE YEAR 1969.

HOUSING.

|                                                                                                                           |     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts).                     | ... | 151 |
| Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous of injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | ... | Nil |
| Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.                            | ... | 28  |
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority.                    | ... | 28  |

HOUSING ACTS.

No action was taken under the various Housing Acts during the year. It is interesting to note that very few complaints were made to my Department regarding Statutory nuisances in dwellings.

The main defects reported were concerned with drainage and in the main they were rectified with no formal action having to be taken.

House Purchase and Housing Acts 1959/61/64/69.

With the introduction of the Housing Act 1969 the Government has risen the appropriate Grant Payment quite considerably. However, it must be emphasised that the persons having such Grants must meet the Grant Payment £ for £.

Confusion can arise and undoubtedly will arise under the heading "Repairs Incidental to the Improvement". Many people feel that these repairs cover anything from a cracked slate to a cracked pavingstone. This is certainly not the case and the repairs envisaged by the Ministry in making the Act means exactly what is said "Repairs Incidental to the Improvement", i.e. disturbed work being made good and other inherent defects.

Number of Grants Approved by Council.

|                               |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Discretionary Grants Approved | ... | 6   |
| Standard Grants Approved      | ... | Nil |

Cont...



## House Purchase and Housing Acts 1959/61/64/69 Cont...

These figures show a decrease in last years statistics and I feel that the Public of Tenby must be further educated into their rights under the terms of the appropriate Legislation.

A survey was made under Section 70 of the Housing Act 1969 and revealed that as far as one could ascertain that seventy units of habitation were without modern day amenities.

### COUNCIL HOUSE ALLOCATION.

The increasing demand for Council house accommodation in the Borough instigated the Council resolving to construct an Estate of twentyseven houses to the rear of Knowling Mead and naming it Tudor Way, in recognition of the public services given by ex-Alderman Tudor Hughes to the Borough of Tenby.

This Estate will undoubtedly help us in satisfying our large Council House Waiting List but I feel that one must bring about a programme of old-age-pensioner type dwellings.

#### Allocations made:

|                                                 |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Number of houses allocated 3 bedroomed          | ... | 13 |
| Number of flats allocated 2 bedroomed           | ... | 6  |
| Number of old-age-pensioner bungalows allocated | ... | 1  |
| Tenancy Exchanges                               | ... | 3  |

### COUNCIL HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

Table showing Council House Accommodation.

| <u>LOCATION.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>4</u><br><u>Beds</u> | <u>3</u><br><u>Beds</u> | <u>2</u><br><u>Beds</u> | <u>1</u><br><u>Beds</u> | <u>2 Bed</u><br><u>Flats</u> |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Newell Hill.     | 56         | -                       | 44                      | -                       | -                       | 12                           |
| Maudlins.        | 35         | -                       | 35                      | -                       | -                       | -                            |
| The Glebe.       | 89         | -                       | 89                      | -                       | -                       | -                            |
| Knowling Mead.   | 106        | 1                       | 68                      | 9                       | 4                       | 24                           |
| Augustus Place.  | 22         | -                       | -                       | -                       | 22                      | -                            |
| Churchill Close. | 24         | -                       | -                       | -                       | -                       | 24                           |
| Heywood Court.   | 71         | -                       | -                       | -                       | 23                      | 48                           |
| Jones Terrace,   | 8          | -                       | -                       | -                       | 8                       | -                            |
| Leach Way.       | 24         | -                       | 24                      | -                       | -                       | -                            |
| Totals:          | 435        | 1                       | 260                     | 9                       | 57                      | 108                          |

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the work done in each of the various departments.

The second part of the report deals with the financial statement of the year. It shows the income and expenditure of the various departments and the balance of the accounts.

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## FOOD AND DRUG ACT 1955.

### Food Hygiene Regulations 1961.

The surveillance of food businesses within the terms of the above Regulations continues to be one of the major issues of my work. The standard generally in the Town has I feel improved but as always I would call upon all persons engaged in the business of food sale to be aware of good hygiene practices.

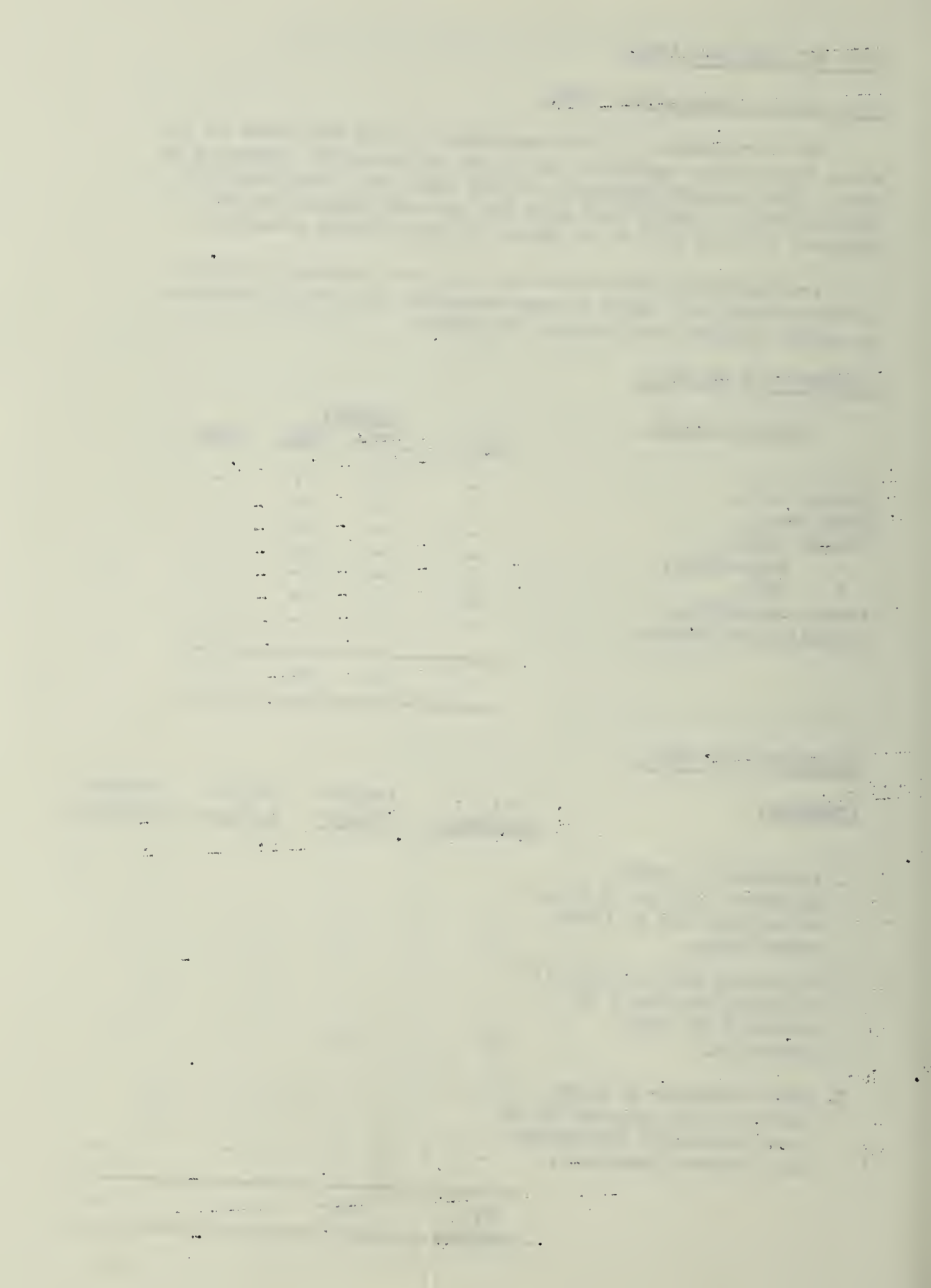
Few complaints were received last year relating to food establishments but again it was necessary in certain instances to advise against poor hygiene standards.

### CONDEMNATION OF FOOD.

| <u>Class of Food.</u> | <u>Weight.</u> |              |             |             |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                       | <u>Cwts.</u>   | <u>Qtrs.</u> | <u>Lbs.</u> | <u>Ozs.</u> |
| Tinned meat.          | -              | 2            | 1           | -           |
| Fresh meat.           | 1              | 2            | -           | -           |
| Tinned fruit.         | -              | -            | 15          | -           |
| " vegetables.         | -              | -            | -           | -           |
| " fish.               | -              | -            | -           | -           |
| Fresh vegetables.     | -              | -            | -           | -           |
| Miscellaneous foods.  | -              | -            | -           | -           |
| <hr/>                 |                |              |             |             |
|                       | 1              | 4            | 16          | -           |
| <hr/>                 |                |              |             |             |

### FACTORIES ACT 1961.

| <u>Premises.</u>                                                                                           | <u>No. on Register.</u> | <u>Inspec- tions.</u> | <u>Written Notices.</u> | <u>Prosec- utions.</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.                       | 7                       | 7                     | -                       | -                      |
| 2. Factories not included (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.                           | 37                      | 60                    | -                       | -                      |
| 3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' premises). | -                       | -                     | -                       | -                      |
| <hr/>                                                                                                      |                         |                       |                         |                        |
|                                                                                                            | 44                      | 67                    | -                       | -                      |
| <hr/>                                                                                                      |                         |                       |                         |                        |





# THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACTS 1963.

## Section 48.

No accidents were reported during the year.

| <u>No. of premises registered during 1969.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Offices ... .. Nil.                            | 29            |
| Retail Shops ... .. 2                          | 77            |
| Wholesale Shops . ... Nil.                     | 3             |
| Catering Establishments ... .. Nil.            | 25            |
| Fuel Storage Depots... .. Nil.                 | Nil.          |
| <hr/>                                          | <hr/>         |
| 2                                              | 134           |
| ===                                            | =====         |

## Analysis of Persons Employed.

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Offices ... .. 88                  |                 |
| Retail Shops ... .. 356            |                 |
| Wholesale Shops . ... 6            | Males ... 205   |
| Catering Establishments ... .. 250 | Females ... 500 |
| Canteens ... .. 5                  |                 |
| <hr/>                              |                 |
| 705                                |                 |
| ===                                |                 |

## RODENT CONTROL.

My department received fewer complaints of rodent infestations during the year. In no way does this mean that rodents are on the decrease and a watchful eye must be kept on this problem.

We continued to use Warfarin as an anti-coagulant poison with good results. No direct poisons are used as I have found no evidence of immunity in the rodent population.

The sewers were treated during the year.

The refuse tip has minimal rodent infestation and is constantly treated for the eradication of rodents.

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| Rat Infestations ... .. 87  |
| Mouse Infestations . ... 10 |
| <hr/>                       |
| 97                          |





## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

This year showed that the caravan movement into this part of the world is on the increase and there is no question in my mind that it will continue to grow.

The Caravan Sites licenced by this Authority are five in number and the standard of amenities provided are very good. It has become apparant that the caravan holidaymaker has now developed a sophistication in that he requires modern amenities and a caravan of modern design.

Complaints are usually received on the Saturday or Sunday after the holidaymaker has taken up occupancy of the caravan. Mainly they concern insect infestation or poor decoration. It is my policy to handle these complaints immediately in order to maintain the good name of the Caravan Site and Tenby as a holiday resort.

### Five Licenced Caravan Sites exist in the Borough Area.

|                              |     |     |     |     |               |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| 1. Kiln Park and Quarry Site | ... | ... | ... | ... | 600 Caravans. |
| 2. Salterns                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 "          |
| 3. Zion Gardens              | ..  | ... | ... | ... | 28 "          |
| 4. Meadow Farm               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 "          |
| 5. Windmills                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 "          |

## WATER SUPPLY.

The Pembrokeshire Water Board continued with their practice of drawing water from the Ritec River during the summer period.

Frequent samples were taken and were found to be both chemically and bacteriologically sound.

CHEMICAL SAMPLES: 6

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES: 37

The lack of a residual chlorine content in the mains water is a factor that concerns me from a Public Health Point of View. This concern I have indicated to the Pembrokeshire Water Board and it is hoped that they will bear this shortcoming in mind as they replan and reconsider the Tenby Water Service.



## REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The introduction of the Leachmaster Refuse Collection Vehicle has proved a success in aiding us in the refuse collection service of our Town.

This year has shown that the quantity of refuse is gaining in magnitude and the implementation of vehicles capable of compressing loose refuse is essential to make full use of manpower and the availability of tipping sites.

Control tipping was continued at the Clicketts Lane Refuse Tip. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances in mechanical usage, occurrences of fly (*Musca domestica*) nuisances did occur in April and late September.

The marsh land remaining to us at the Tip Site is now very limited and will be totally utilized by the commencement of the coming Summer Season.

Investigation and enquiries must now take place to ascertain the refuse problems of our neighbouring Authorities in order that we might be in a position to negotiate a common policy of refuse disposal.

The rodent population of the Tip may be classified as **minor** but this problem is continually watched and eradication measures constantly adopted.





